

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Selectmen present were: James McIlroy and Michael Woodworth. Wes Moore joined the meeting in progress. Others present were: Police Chief Reed and Emergency Management Director Tom Conner. Ed Wojnowski, Town Administrator of Newmarket was not at the meeting as scheduled.

Wes made a motion to accept the renewal contract with Brett S. Purvis & Associates, Inc. for assessing services for the year 2008. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. The renewal contract was then signed by the Selectmen.

Wes made a motion to appoint Peter Allen as interim Library Trustee (to replace Rob McPherson who recently resigned). Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor. Peter's appointment was signed by the Selectmen. Peter will go to the Town Office to be sworn in.

There have been a few complaints recently about mailboxes being damaged by snowplows or sanding trucks. Residents are reminded that the face of each mailbox should be four feet from the edge of the pavement to comply with Town requirements. A letter was signed by the Selectmen and it will be sent to those residents complaining about mailbox damage.

A property owner offered to donate his land to the Town. Sue McKinnon, Town Clerk, will send a letter to the property owner regarding this.

It was brought to the Board of Selectmen's attention that the Zoning Board of Adjustment application fees are outdated. Wes made a motion to increase the Zoning Board of Adjustment application fee from \$80.00 to \$150.00 effective immediately. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

The Newfields Planning Board Legal Notice regarding Long Bow Realty Trust was reviewed.

Two notices were received from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety regarding reimbursements for flood damage. It was noted that these payments to the Town have been received.

It was noted that Nancy Spencer has received an e-mail from Reuben Hull regarding the billing for engineering fees on the Cedar Island Ledge Planning Board Application. Justification for the billing was received, but not the letter in question. Nancy asked

Reuben to forward a copy of that letter so that Cedar Island Ledge will pay their outstanding invoice to the Town. It was noted that the Town is still holding back payment on two invoices for Civil Design Engineering Consultants until this matter is resolved.

The Legal Notice about two public hearings being held in Raymond was reviewed. These are in regard to a proposed cell tower. The Town of Epsom also notified Newfields of a Non-Residential Site Plan Review for a cell tower.

The Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire sent correspondence including their time frame for submitting the Piscassic Greenway Management Plan to the Selectmen. The Selectmen look forward to receiving the draft copy of the Plan in mid January, 2008.

Correspondence from the New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media was reviewed.

Lane Law Offices correspondence was reviewed. The Selectmen agreed to the changes on the proposed agreement with the Silversteins. They have agreed to move forward in the Spring of 2008 with the monumenting and monitoring and will coordinate dates with the Conservation Commission, Landry Survey, Attorney Fran Lane, Selectmen Wes Moore, and the Silversteins.

Clay Mitchell, Town Planner, advised that the Cell Tower Sound Study did not take place as scheduled because of equipment problems. It will be re-scheduled.

Clay ordered the new computer for the Building Inspector/Town Planner/Assessor. The cost is less than anticipated.

Wes made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 4th, 2007 Selectmen's Meeting. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes spoke about the new handicap ramp. There are a few minor issues with it, but it is usable. We are waiting for an official letter from the inspector advising us of the minor issues so that they may be resolved.

Jack Shaw had asked the Selectmen to erect a sign "No Jake Brakes in Town". Chief Reed said he has not heard jake brakes being used in Town. Wes said they are very loud. This topic was tabled until next year.

The Selectmen discussed the Police Department Budget with Chief Reed and are working together to keep the increase to the minimum amount necessary. They also discussed possible warrant articles

Chief Reed asked that he meet with the Selectmen in 2008 prior to the Budget Advisory Committee meeting so that he will know the Selectmen's expectations on the 2009 budget before the process begins.

Tom Conner and Chief Reed reviewed the Emergency Management Department 2008 budget with the Selectmen. The Selectmen want to reduce the department budget to a small increase over the 2007 budget as there is now an Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund in place to be utilized by the department.

Wes mentioned that he has heard several good reviews recently from residents about Lt. Gould and Officer McAulay. He agreed to ask any residents with comments about Police Officers to contact Chief Reed to share their comments with him.

At 9:00pm the meeting went into a non-public session per RSA 91-A3 II. The meeting returned to a public session at 9:30pm. The Selectmen then worked on the 2008 budget until they adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant